THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.26492 OF 2006

ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the order passed by the 2nd respondent Revenue Divisional Officer, Anantapur, dated 9.11.2006 whereunder the authorisation of the petitioner was suspended pending enquiry, as arbitrary and illegal.

This Court while directing *Rule nisi* by order dated 22.12.2006 passed an interim order directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to run the fair price shop, if no alternative arrangements are made as on that day.[1]

When the matter is taken up for consideration, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in spite of the order of this Court the petitioner was not permitted to run the fair price shop, and even the enquiry has not been completed so far resulting in continuation of the petitioner under suspension for the past more than six months.

Under similar circumstances, a Division Bench of this Court in **the Joint Collector, Kurnool v. A. Neelima** (1) held that the reasonable period for completing the enquiry initiated against a fair price shop dealer should be 90 days.

In the facts and circumstances of the case and particularly having regard to the fact that a show cause notice was issued long back, to which the petitioner has already submitted his explanation, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the 2nd respondent to complete the enquiry following due process of law and pass appropriate orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, failing which the authorisation of the petitioner shall stand restored. No costs.

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2nd July, 2007. **(G. ROHINI, J.)**

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Between:

B. Rangaswamy. ..Petitioner.

And

The Joint Collector,
Collectorate,
Anantapur,
Anantapur District and others. .. Respondents.

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[1] 1996(1) APLJ 285.